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Comment [WD1]: Why did I think these were weekly, with a few exceptions? If so, suggest "weekly for most weeks in Oct/Nov"

Comment [WD2]: Ditto. See above comment.